UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF MASSACHUSETTS

JOHN HANCOCK LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY, JOHN HANCOCK VARIABLE LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY, and MANULIFE INSURANCE COMPANY (f/k/a INVESTORS PARTNER LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY),	CIVIL ACTION NO. 05-11150-DPW
Plaintiffs,	
v.)))
ABBOTT LABORATORIES,	
Defendant.)))

NOTICE OF WITHDRAWAL OF APPEARANCE

I hereby withdraw my appearance for the Plaintiffs John Hancock Life Insurance Company, John Hancock Variable Life Insurance Company, and Investors Partner Life Insurance Company in the above-captioned action. Plaintiffs will continue to be represented by Brian A. Davis, Joseph H. Zwicker, Richard C. Abati, and Stacy L. Blasberg of the law firm of Choate, Hall & Stewart LLP, Two International Place, Boston, Massachusetts 02110.

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